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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/722,404
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted (Note: Any previously filed unentered amendments will be entered unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).)
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on **RECEIVED** \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b. ☒ Fees are calculated below:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$790.00 (1801)/\$395.00 (2801) \$ 790.00
- ii. ☒ Petition is made to extend the due date one (1) months (less \_\_\_\_\_ months previously paid) \$ 120.00
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$
- c. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
- d. ☐ Payment by credit card (credit card payment form attached) in the amount of \$ 910.00
- e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees calculated above and any other fees associated with this paper or the accompanying Amendment to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

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